



State of Illinois
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 23, 2010

TO: Division Files - Bureau of Land

FROM: Chris Cahnovsky – Collinsville Region

SUBJECT: 1198010003 – Madison County
Estate of Chemetco
FOS File

On August 20, 2010, I conducted a site inspection at Chemetco, Inc. in Hartford, Illinois. The purpose of this inspection was to observe the demolition progress at the Chemetco site. In October 2001, Chemetco filed for Bankruptcy and abandoned the plant. In 2002, a court appointed trustee was assigned to oversee the Estate of Chemetco. The Estate of Chemetco has entered into an agreement with Industrial Asset and Disposition, LLC (AID) that includes the demolition of certain portions of the Facility. On June 10, 2010 the Illinois EPA approved a demolition plan dated May 6, 2010. This plan was submitted by AMEC Geomatrix, Inc. on behalf of AID. AID plans to demolish the Foundry Building, American Air Filtration System, a shower house and the interior of the Tank House. AID has contracted with American Integrated Services, Inc. (AIS) to clean and demolish the buildings.

On this day I met with Jorge Garcia with the Estate and David Herrera, AIS Project Manager.

DOME BUILDING

The fines have been moved from the Dome Building to the DIS Building. The floor and walls of the Dome Building still need to be washed to remove residual fines. The DIS Building is completely full of fines. AIS will have to take some action to prevent storm water from entering the DIS and Dome Building via the ramp between the buildings. Mr. Garcia stated that he plans to use jersey walls and sandbags to prevent water from accumulating at the entrance of the DIS Building.

There are two piles of slag and one pile of finer grain material next to the Dome Building. Mr. Herrera asked if these piles could be moved. The piles are obstructing the movement of equipment and scrap in and out of the Dome Building. I stated that piles could be moved to new locations. The finer grain pile must be kept separate from all other piles. The piles will be moved near the west fence line.

FINES BUILDING

The material that was in the Fines Building prior to demolition activities has been covered with plastic. Fines are being brought in this building from the removal of fines from under the cells in the Tank House. The door or tarp to close the entrance has not been put up yet.

HOLDING LAGOON

Additional rock has been added to the berm at the Holding Lagoon.

TANK HOUSE

AIS has consolidated the hazardous materials in the Tank House on pallets. These materials will be lab packed for off-site disposal. AIS has begun removing fines from under the cells in the tank house. Per Mr. Herrera, about 1/3 of the fines have been removed. They are not using the HEPA vacuum yet because the fines are too wet. The fines are being shoveled by hand into a pile. An end loader is then used to move the fines into a truck. Once full, the truck is covered and the fines are taken to the Fines Building. I observed that the workers were in tyvek suits and were wearing respirators.

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